



Ohio Revised Code

Section 1548.031 Sale by minor requires signature of custodial adult.

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(A) No minor under eighteen years of age shall sell or otherwise dispose of a watercraft or outboard motor or purchase or otherwise acquire a watercraft or outboard motor unless the application for a certificate of title is accompanied by a form prescribed by the chief of the division of parks and watercraft and signed in the presence of a clerk or deputy clerk of a court of common pleas or any notary public by one of the minor's parents, the minor's guardian, or another person having custody of the minor authorizing the sale, disposition, purchase, or acquisition of the watercraft or outboard motor. At the time the adult signs the form, the adult shall provide identification establishing that the adult is the individual whose signature appears on the form.

(B) No right, title, or claim to or interest in a watercraft or outboard motor shall be acquired by or from a minor unless the application for a certificate of title is accompanied by the form required by this section.

(C) No clerk of a court of common pleas shall be held liable in any civil action that arises under the law of this state for injury or loss to persons or property caused when a person has obtained a certificate of title in violation of this section unless the clerk failed to use reasonable diligence in ascertaining the age of the minor or the identity of the adult who signed the form authorizing the sale, disposition, purchase, or acquisition of the watercraft or outboard motor by the minor.
